

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY BOARD

ORDER OF ADOPTION CLINICAL EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT/ SUPERVISOR QUALIFICATION

Article 3. Qualifications for Licensure-Education and Clinical Experience

1399.152.2. Supervised Clinical Experience

(a) Supervised clinical experience within the meaning of Section 2532.2, subdivision (c) of the code shall be in the area for which licensure is sought. Speech-language pathology clinical experience shall be under the supervision of a licensed speech-language pathologist or a speech-language pathologist having qualifications deemed equivalent by the board. Audiology clinical experience shall be under the supervision of a licensed audiologist or an audiologist having qualifications deemed equivalent by the board. "Qualifications deemed equivalent by the board" includes a supervisor who holds a ~~Certificate of Clinical Competence issued by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association~~ the legal authorization to practice in the field for which licensure is sought in the state where the experience is being obtained, if the supervised clinical experience is obtained in a setting which is exempt from the licensure requirements of the Act or out of state.

(b) Two hundred seventy-five (275) clock hours of clinical experience shall be required for licensure as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist for applicants who completed their graduate program on or before December 31, 1992.

(c) Three hundred (300) clock hours of clinical experience in three (3) different clinical settings shall be required for licensure as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist for applicants who completed their graduate program after December 31, 1992.

~~(d) For either a speech-language pathology or audiology major, twenty-five (25) hours of aural rehabilitation may be supervised by either a speech-language pathologist or audiologist as provided in subsection (a).~~

~~(e)~~(d) Another ~~twenty-five (25) hours of the required clinical experience~~ may be in the field other than that for which the applicant is seeking licensure (speech-language pathology for an audiologist or audiology for a speech-language pathologist) if such clinical experience is under a supervisor who is qualified in the minor field as provided in subsection (a).

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 2531.95, Business and Profession Code.
Reference: Section 2532.2, Business and Profession Code.

Article 4. Qualifications for Licensure-Required Professional Experience

1399.153. Definitions.

As used in this article, the term:

(a) "Required professional experience" or "RPE" means the supervised practice of speech-language pathology or audiology for the purpose of meeting the requirements for licensure in accordance with Sections 2530.5, subdivision (f), and 2532.2, subdivision (d), of the code and these regulations.

(b) "Required professional experience supervisor" or "RPE supervisor" means a person who is licensed as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist in the field for which licensure is sought, or has qualifications deemed equivalent by the board. "Qualifications deemed equivalent by the board" include a supervisor who holds ~~a Certificate of Clinical Competence issued by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association~~ legal authorization to practice in the state where the experience is being obtained in the field for which licensure is sought if the required professional experience is obtained in a setting which is exempt from the licensure requirements of the Act or out of state.

(c) "Required professional experience temporary license holder" or "RPE temporary license holder" means a person who has complied with Section 1399.153.2 of these regulations.

NOTE: Authority cited for Article 4 (Sections 1399.160 - 1399.168): Section 2531.95, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 2532.2, Business and Professions Code.

1399.153.3. Responsibilities of RPE Supervisors.

An RPE supervisor's responsibilities shall include, but are not limited to:

(a) Legal responsibility for the health, safety and welfare of the patients treated by the RPE temporary license holder.

(b) Insuring that the extent, kind, and quality of functions performed by an RPE temporary license holder under the supervisor's supervision is in compliance with these regulations and is consistent with the RPE temporary license holder's education and training.

(c) Insuring that such supervision consists of direct monitoring for a minimum of eight hours per month for each full-time RPE temporary license holder and four hours per month for each part-time RPE temporary license holder.

(d) "Direct monitoring" of the RPE temporary license holder may consist of the personal observation of the following:

- (1) evaluation and assessment procedures;
- (2) treatment procedures;

(3) record keeping, evaluation or assessment reports, correspondence, plans for management, and summaries of case conferences;

(4) participation in case conferences.

At least 50% of the supervisor's observation shall be of the RPE temporary license holder's evaluation, assessment and treatment procedures.

(e) Reviewing and evaluating the RPE temporary license holder's performance on a monthly basis for the purpose of improving his or her professional expertise. The RPE supervisor shall discuss the evaluations with the RPE temporary license holder and maintain written documentation of these evaluations and reviews. The written evaluations shall be signed by both the RPE supervisor and the RPE temporary license holder. If the supervisor determines the RPE temporary license holder is not minimally competent for licensure, the RPE temporary license holder shall be so notified orally and in writing. A written statement documenting the basis for the supervisor's determination shall be submitted with the final verification of experience to the board.

(f) Reviewing and countersigning all evaluation and assessment reports, treatment plans, progress and discharge reports drafted by the RPE temporary license holder.

(g) A "Required professional experience supervisor" must have completed not less than six (6) hours of continuing professional development in supervision training prior to assuming responsibility as a RPE supervisor, and three (3) hours of continuing professional development in supervision training every two years thereafter. If the continuing professional development in supervision training is obtained by a board- approved provider as defined in Section 2532.6 subdivision (e) of the code, the hours may be applied towards the continuing professional development requirement for licensees set forth in Section 1399.160.3 of the California Code of Regulations.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 2531.95, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 2532.2, Business and Professions Code.

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